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P R 041024Z MAY 77
FM AMEMBASSY LONDON
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3434
INFO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA
AMEMBASSY LUSAKA
AMCONSUL LUBUMBASHI

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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PFOR, UK
SUBJECT: OBSERVER REPORTER DETAINED

REFERENCE: (A) LONDON 7156; (B) STATE 100274

1. FOR SECSTATE: WE SENT FOLLOWING CABLE (REFTEL A)
MAY 2 TO KINSHASA, LUSAKA AND LUBUMBASHI.
BEGIN TEXT: COLIN LEGUM OF LONDON'S OBSERVER NEWSPAPER
CALLED US TODAY TO PASS ON WORD THAT HIS COLLEAGUE,
COLIN SMITH, HAS APPARENTLY BEEN DETAINED BY FAZ FORCES
IN KOLWEZI AFTER CROSSING INTO ZAIRE FROM ZAMBIA LAST
WEDNESDAY. OBSERVER STAFF WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMA-
TION WE MIGHT HAVE ON SMITH'S WELFARE. FCO IS ALSO
PURSUING REPORT, BUT LEGUM THOUGHT WE MIGHT HAVE ACCESS
TO MORE INFORMATION. END TEXT

2. SMITH APPARENTLY CROSSED INTO ZAIRE ON ROAD LEADING
TO MUTSHATSHA. HE WAS IN LAND ROVER AND ACCOMPANIED BY A
SPANISH FILM CREW.

3. NEITHER THE OBSERVER STAFF NOR THE FCO HAS ANY
FURTHER INFORMATION AT THE MOMENT.

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